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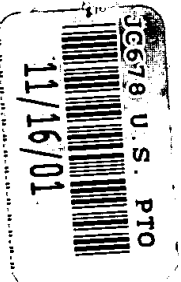
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Sir:

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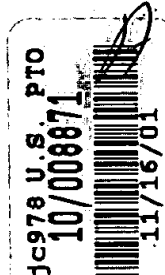
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	93	-	20	73	x \$18	1,314.00
Independent Claims	9	-	3	6	x \$84	504.00
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on the Provisional Patent Applications identified on page 1 of the attached specification, in the paragraph entitled "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS".

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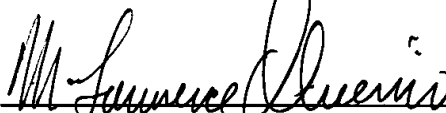
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Respectfully submitted,

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